CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated:

1 (original) A swimsuit comprising: 2 a loop adapted to at least partially encircle a human waist; (a) 3 **(b)** a swimsuit body separable at at least one location by decoupling a corresponding fastening device thereat; and 4 a storage compartment on the swimsuit body for compactly stowing the body 5 (c) 6 wherein the loop is positioned relative to the swimsuit body so that when said fastening 7 device is engaged, the swimsuit may be worn by a human. 8 1 (original) The swimsuit of claim 1 wherein said loop is adapted to completely encircle said 2 human waist. 3 3. (original) The swimsuit of claim 1 wherein said loop is selected from the group consisting of 1 2 (i) a decorative chain, and, (ii) a tubular member. 3 4. (original) The swimsuit of claim 3 wherein said chain comprises a material resistant to 1 2 corrosion. 3 5. (original) A method of removing a swimsuit separable at at least one point by a fastening 1

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attaching a loop capable of at least partially enclosing a human waist to the 8 (d) swimsuit. 9 10 9. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein said loop is capable of completely encircling a 1 2 human waist. 3 10. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein said loop is selected from the group consisting of 1 (i) a decorative chain, and, (ii) a tubular element. 2 3 11. (original) A swimsuit comprising: 1 a loop adapted to at least partially encircle a human waist; 2 (a) a body having a front end and a rear end, the front end having a width greater than (b) 3 the rear end; 4 a fastener for detachably coupling the rear end of the body to said loop; and 5 (c) a storage compartment on the front of the swimsuit for compactly stowing the 6 (d) 7 body wherein the loop is positioned relative to the swimsuit body so that when said fastener is 8 9 attached, the swimsuit may be worn by a human. 10 12. (original) The swimsuit of claim 11 wherein said loop is adapted to completely encircle said 1 human waist. 2 3

13. (original) The swimsuit of claim 11 wherein said loop is selected from the group consisting 1

of (i) a decorative chain, and, (ii) a tubular member. 2

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14. (original) The swimsuit of claim 13 wherein said chain comprises a material resistant to 4

corrosion. 5

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